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SUBJECT: SPECIAL ELECTION - AMERICAN SAMOA

DOA NO. 098-AS

FOR SPECIAL ELECTION COMMISSIONER MALLON. REUR GAS 083 AND
084. ON BALLOT ESSENTIAL THAT YOU USE EXACT WORDING AS
FOUND IN CONGRESSMAN BURTON'S BILL WHICH PASSED HOUSE ON
JULY 20. WORDING IS QUOTE DO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA
WANT AN ELECTED GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR? UNQUOTE
REF YOUR OTHER QUESTIONS RE FUNDING WE ANTICIPATE THAT
FUNDING FROM U.S. CONGRESS WILL CONTINUE TO BE MADE ON
BASIS OF NEED AS DEMONSTRATED BY ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION
THROUGH DEPT OF INTERIOR AND JUSTIFIED BY AMERICAN SAMOA
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND INTERIOR OFFICIALS BEFORE
CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES. RE QUALIFICATIONS FOR FUTURE
GOVERNOR CANDIDATE SHOULD PLEBISCITE BE AFFIRMATIVE THE
QUALIFICATIONS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF
AMERICAN SAMOA IN FORM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH MUST BE APPROVED BY SECRE-
TARY OF INTERIOR SHOULD THE U.S. CONGRESS LEGISLATE ON THIS
MATTER THEN ITS ACTION WOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER LOCAL
LEGISLATURE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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YOUR PROMPT AND EXCELLENT FIRST REPORT ON INITIAL EFFORTS

GREATLY APPRECIATED. ADVISE ALSO WHETHER YOU HAVE MAIL-
ING ADDRESS OTHER THAN CARE OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.
ACTING DOTA RICE SENDS.

ROBINSON

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